

those who are unemployed. We look forward to working with the other side of the aisle in seeing what could we come up with in terms of a package that will help people in need but also help to grow the economy.

Since that is not part of this package, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. SENATOR JESSE HELMS

Mr. INOUE. I wish to take a moment to express my appreciation and admiration for my good friend from North Carolina, Senator JESSE HELMS.

I have had the privilege of working with Senator HELMS for the past 30 years. Although he and I do not share the same ideologies, Senator HELMS has always kept his word to me. In this day and age, "trustworthiness" is a trait that is becoming increasingly rare, particularly in the political arena. Yet Senator HELMS has remained true to himself and his upbringing. Senator HELMS is trustworthy.

Senator HELMS is a true statesman and gentleman, courteous, courageous, and compassionate. He is a man who understands what it means to do one's duty to God, country, and family. He emulates the idea upon which America was founded, the idea that each individual controls his or her destiny and has a right to pursue and achieve their dreams, and that great societies are built by people who are inspired and motivated to reach high and work hard.

Senator HELMS has, on many occasions, inspired and motivated me. He has set an example for me and my colleagues. His life is a model of one who honors and defends the Constitution, works to make our country a better place, and conducts himself with dignity and respect for others.

I thank my dear friend for the many courtesies he has extended to me throughout the years. I will miss his kindness and friendship. To Senator HELMS and his wife, Dot, I wish them many years of happiness and continued good health in the bright years ahead.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring JESSE HELMS, the senior Senator from North Carolina, for his many years of service to his State and to the Nation.

While Senator HELMS has served in the United States Senate for more than a quarter-century, his earlier years were equally active and productive. Following his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he became the city editor of the Raleigh Times. He served as Administrative Assistant to two U.S. Senators before becoming Executive Director of the North Carolina Bank Association in 1953. The Tarheel Banker became the largest State banking publication in the State while JESSE HELMS was its editor. He was Ex-

ecutive Vice President, Vice Chairman of the Board, and Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Capitol Broadcasting Company in Raleigh, NC from 1960 until his election to the Senate in 1972.

During his service in the U.S. Senate, Senator HELMS has served as a member of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry which he chaired in the 1980s, and the Foreign Relations Committee, of which he was a former chairman and the current ranking member. In 1973, he became the first Republican, as well as the first Senator from North Carolina, to receive the Golden Gavel, an award presented for presiding over the Senate for more than 117 hours. Senator HELMS was awarded a second Golden Gavel for presiding for more than 120 hours in 1974.

It goes without saying that JESSE HELMS has become a fixture and a legend in this body. While Senator HELMS and I have often differed over the years in our approaches and our positions to the many important issues that have come before the Senate for consideration, Senator HELMS has always been a force to be reckoned with. His public service has been marked by hard work and diligence. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to serve with Senator HELMS over these many years and want to join my colleagues in paying tribute to him today.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, over the course of the day, we have heard from my colleagues many of Senator JESSE HELMS' remarkable accomplishments over the course of his life. He is a husband, a father, a Senator, a Navy veteran, a defender of freedom, and a good friend. But above all, JESSE HELMS is a man of God.

I should also add that he is a man of the people. Senator HELMS has seen more Senators, staffers, and pages in his tenure than most Members, and he treated all of them like they were from his own family. He is constantly noted for his friendly demeanor to those strangers who meet JESSE for the first time, but go away from their meetings feeling like a personal relationship has just formed. Senator HELMS has always been willing to take those precious extra few minutes when meeting someone to make personal connections that endure him to many.

Rarely do people keep their convictions as strong as JESSE HELMS, especially facing the type of scrutiny that politicians do in the spotlight. Throughout his 30 years in the Senate, Senator HELMS has fought hard for the commonsense values that he brought with him from the great State of North Carolina. He has stood for the vision that our Founding Fathers imagined when they framed the Constitution. I cannot help but think that North Carolina and indeed our country is indebted to Senator HELMS for his service to our country. It has been a privilege to stand with the Senator on so many of the issues that are important to the

United States. I am proud to call Senator HELMS a colleague and a friend, and we all know how much his leadership will be missed in this institution.

Thank you, JESSE, for your continued dedication not only to the Senate, but also your country which is so near and dear to your heart.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR STROM THURMOND

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, what can I say about STROM THURMOND?

I remember, back in 1981, the Senate Judiciary Committee had a new chairman—and a new ranking member, and there were more than a few folks looking forward to the fireworks.

There was a new conservative Republican administration and new Republican majority in the Senate. The Judiciary Committee seemed destined to be one of the main ideological battlegrounds over issues that divided us then and still divide us today.

There were more than a few Washington insiders who thought that STROM THURMOND the seasoned veteran conservative Republican chairman who first made his mark on the national political scene as an advocate of State's rights—and JOE BIDEN a northeastern Democrat still in his thirties whose interest in politics was sparked, in large measure, by the civil rights movement would never find an inch of common ground—not an inch.

But I knew that was not going to be the case. I had served with STROM for eight years by then . . .

I knew his personal strengths, and admired them greatly, regardless of our political differences, and I knew those strengths would guide us to consensus rather than gridlock.

I knew, with STROM, there would be comity—not enmity.

And I knew debate would be civil and constructive rather than divisive and filled with meaningless partisan rhetoric.

STROM, as usual, didn't let me down. In his six years as chairman—and for several years after that when we switched roles—he exceeded my expectations in every way.

There were many heated debates and contentious hearings, but we weathered them and we weathered the kinds of controversies which I've seen poison the well for other committees for years afterward.

But that kind of cooperation would not have happened if it weren't for STROM THURMOND's strength of character.

It would not have happened if he were not, first and foremost, a gentleman—unfailingly courteous, respectful, and always dignified.

STROM's word is his bond, and each of us, even the most partisan political opponents knows that, in the heat of debate, under extraordinary pressure, when the stakes are exceedingly high, STROM THURMOND will always, always keep his word.